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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER OF 1/31/77 FROM AMERICAN MISSION (MCGILL) TO L/C HUANG. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO HUANG UNDER REGISTRY NO 599369. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: IT WAS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION AND SENSE OF GRATITUDE THAT I RECEIVED, ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, CAIRO, YOUR LETTER DATED JANUARY 14, 1977, AND ITS ENCLOSURE, A COPY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S "PROPOSED DECISION" WITH REGARD TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF THE AMERICAN MISSION IN EGYPT (UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) AGAINST THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT.

THIS LETTER WILL CONSTITUTE A SECOND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER INASMUCH AS I SIGNED A RECEIPT FOR IT WHEN I RECEIVED IT AT THE EMBASSY.

BOTH YOUR LETTERS AND ITS ENCLOSURE, THE "PROPOSED DECISION", HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY READ. ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE WE FIND OURSELVES IN FULL AND COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE "PROPOSED
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DECISION." THIS LETTER MAY THEREFORE BE TAKEN AS CONSTITUTING, IN ADDITION TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT, THE AMERICAN MISSION'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINDINGS AND OF THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AS STATED IN THE "PROPOSED DECISION."

IN RECORDING ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINDINGS AND OF THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION, THE AMERICAN MISSION

WISHES TO EXPRESS, AT THE SAME TIME, ITS VERY DEEP APPRECIATION OF AND GRATITUDE FOR THE CAREFUL, SENSITIVE, AND EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT THAT PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE MISSION'S CLAIMS AS WELL AS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S FAITHFUL FOLLO-THROUGH REGARDING THE ACTUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE PAYMENTS AND THE DETERMINING OF THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED BY THE MISSION. WE ARE ESPECIALLY THANKFUL TO YOU FOR THE WHOLEHEARTED INTEREST AND EFFORT YOU HAVE PUT INTO THIS ENTIRE UNDERTAKING. IT HAS BEEN OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE MISSION THAT THE UNDERTAKING SUCCEED. AND FOR THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED WE ARE DEEPLY AND GREATFULLY IN YOUR DEBT. AT THE TIME OF RECEIVING YOUR LETTER I WAS INFORMED THAT THE FIRST INSTALLMENT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN PAID, ON JANUARY 12, AND THE CHECK SENT TO WASHINGTON. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN DUE TIME I WILL BE INFORMED THAT I MAY CALL AT THE EMBASSY HERE TO RECEIVE THE MISSION'S SHARE OF THAT INSTALLMENT.

IN CLOSING MAY I MENTION ONE OR TWO MINOR POINTS OF FORM, AS AGAINST SUBSTANCE, WHERE THE TEXT OF THE "PROPOSED DECISION" MAY BE RENDERED MORE ACCURATE. AT THE MIDDLE OF PAGE ONE, WHERE THE TEXT NOW READS: "THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MINISTERS..." IT SHOULD READ: "THE BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS..."

TWO PLACES IN THE TEXT REFER TO US AS "THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES." THESE SHOULD READ: "THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" (OR "IN THE U.S.A."). THIS IS NOT A FRIVOLOUS DISTINCTION BECAUSE, UP UNTIL 1958 WHEN TWO OF THE THREE MAJOR BRANCHES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICAN UNITED, ONE OF THE THREE WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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CALLED "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A." AND ANOTHER "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES." THIS LATTER WAS KNOWN POPULARLY AS THE "SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH." IT IS STILL THUS DISTINGUISHED. THE "PROPOSED DECISION" CORRECTLY STATES THAT IN 1958 THERE WAS A MERGER BETWEEN THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A. THIS FORMED THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A. BUT IT STILL LEAVES, AS A DISTINCT THE SEPARATE DENOMINATION, THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES (SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN). OF COURSE EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO BRING ABOUT A FURTHER MERGER THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS. BUT AS OF THIS DATE, TO LEAVE THE WORDS "... IN THE UNITED STATES" AT THE END OF THE NAME OF PRESBYTERIAN DENOMINATION MIGHT LEAD TO AN ERRONEOUS CONCLUSION IN THE MINDS OF SOME READERS. THE SPECIFIC PLACES IN THE "PROPOSED DECISION" WHERE THE WORDS "... OF AMERICA SHOULD BE TACKED ONTO "... THE UNITED STATES", INsofar AS I DETECT THEM ARE:

- A) IN THE HEADING, TOP LEFT CORNER OF PAGE 1.
- B) IN THE MIDDLE OF PAGE 3 (LINE 27).

THIS LETTER CARRIES OUR GENUINE ESTEEM AND APPRECIATION
TOGETHER WITH OUR VERY BEST WISHES. END QUOTE
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